



STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2015 – 434
June 26, 2015

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

**RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY TRUSTEE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, Mr. Carol Martin “Bill” Gatton was appointed to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees in 2009 and has generously and effectively served and supported the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton’s entrepreneurial spirit began early in his youth and grew unabated throughout his academic and professional careers, leading him into various successful ventures in many states including most notably:

growing a successful automotive sales empire throughout Kentucky, Texas, Tennessee and Alabama; and

building Area Bancshares of Owensboro, which was the largest bank holding company in Kentucky when he sold it to BB&T in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton, a distinguished alumnus of the University of Kentucky and the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, has demonstrated his appreciation for the value of education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton has been extremely generous in his philanthropic efforts to improve educational opportunities for citizens of several states, including:

giving assistance to more than 2,300 public school teachers to help buy supplies for their students;

providing the founding donation for the creation of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University which has been named the best high school in America for three years;

being the lead donor to the Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University; and

establishing scholarships which have provided assistance to dozens of students throughout Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; and



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WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton is the single largest donor to the University of Kentucky in the history of the University, having generously supported the renovation and expansion of the Gatton College of Business and Economics and recently contributed \$20 million to the construction of a new university student center, bringing his total philanthropy to the University of Kentucky to more than \$45 million, with a total gift impact of nearly \$57 million; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton during his six-year service to the Board of Trustees, offered his expertise and wisdom as Chair for the Investment Committee and member of the University Athletics, Finance and Nominating committees, as well as the Audit and Compliance Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gatton, a U. S. Army veteran and a native Kentuckian has distinguished himself and demonstrated, time and again, his commitment to the duty to well and truly hold the future and welfare of the Commonwealth and the University of Kentucky in trust; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined it is duly fitting and proper that Mr. Gatton should be recognized for his unique and lasting contributions to the flagship educational institution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees would benefit from the continued wisdom, counsel and guidance of Mr. Gatton in all matters pertaining to the governance of the University of Kentucky,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Sections 69 and 81 of the Kentucky Constitution and Chapter 12 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, do hereby Order and Direct the following:



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- I. Carol Martin “Bill” Gatton is hereby appointed to serve as honorary member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees for so long as he shall live.
- II. This appointment assures that the University of Kentucky will continue to enjoy the full benefit of Mr. Gatton’s wisdom and guidance for years to come.
- III. A copy of this Order is directed to be delivered to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees and made a record of the Board.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky


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Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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